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Lyle ARMSTRONG et al.

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are copies of the Amendment After Final Rejection with Appendix and Petition For Extension of Time that were timely filed on August 23, 2002, in response to the Final Rejection that was mailed April 23, 2002. These copies are being provided as a courtesy to the Examiner to expedite consideration of the response. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 22, 30 and 47 as follows:

22. (Twice Amended) Method for detecting and identifying and/or quantifying an enzymatic activity of a microorganism, according to which an inoculum suspected of containing a microorganism with a deaminase activity is brought into contact with a culture medium for microorganisms,

wherein the culture medium comprises at least one detection agent for demonstrating, by forming a colored product with a revealing agent, an enzymatic activity;